

R E P O R T
OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town of Southborough
Massachusetts

For the Year 1931



TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH:

The Warrant for the annual town meeting for 1931 was duly submitted to the Advisory Committee, for its consideration and report. After hearing all Departments and persons who presented themselves before the Committee and having given each article in the Warrant very careful study and consideration, we respectfully submit this report.

Due to the many changes and improvements being made in the town this year there will be heavy expenses in connection with the same. Also the State and County Taxes will be considerable higher, besides the heavy interest charges on the water bonds. We may also be faced with an expense in connection with the moving of water mains on the turnpike. In addition to these items the revenue derived from income taxes will probably be much less. A combination of these items will, of course, reflect in a much higher tax rate.

The last page of this report shows a summary of the appropriations requested by the several departments and the amounts recommended by the Advisory Committee. You will notice that there is a difference in the totals of over \$30,000.00, which means that if the appropriations requested were allowed, your tax rate would be approximately \$10.00 per thousand more than if you follow the recommendations of your Committee. Therefore, we strongly urge that our recommendations be followed.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

Article 3. Under this heading come all the appropriations for the general government of the Town.

Article 4. It is recommended that the authorization requested be granted.

Article 5. It is recommended that one-half of the money raised by licensing of dogs, be added to the appropriation voted for the maintenance of the Town Schools, and one-half to the appropriation for the maintenance of the Town Library.

Article 6. It is recommended that the sum of \$125.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 7. It is recommended that the Town accept contributions from St. Mark's School and from Fay School, in lieu of regular taxes from which the schools are exempt.

Article 8. It is recommended that the authority requested be granted.

Article 9. It is recommended that the Town vote to transfer the various funds appropriated for special purposes in 1930, which remain unexpended, to the Town Treasury.

Article 11. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 12. It is recommended that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for this purpose and the expending of the same to be made under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 14. It is recommended that the sum of \$1700.00 be appropriated to be added to like sums, which will be appropriated by the State and County, for this purpose.

Article 15. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 16. It is recommended that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 17. It is the feeling of the majority of the Committee that this expenditure is unnecessary at this time and it is therefore, recommended that the article be passed over.

Article 18. It is recommended that the sum of \$523.08 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 19. It is recommended that the Town vote to instruct the Town Collector to collect receipts of the Water Department and turn the same over to the Town Treasurer.

Article 21. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 22. It is recommended that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund for this purpose.

Article 23. It is recommended that the sum of \$1000.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 24. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 25. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 26. It is recommended that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 27. It is recommended that the Treasurer's and Accountant's salary be increased \$100.00 each and provided the Collector collects the water receipts that the salary for that office be increased \$100.00.

Article 28. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 29. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 31. It is recommended that the sum of \$5290.75, from receipts in 1930 and 1931 of Water Department, be appropriated for use of said Department, as reimbursement for expenditure for private service installations during this period.

Article 32. It is recommended that this article be passed over.

	1930 Voted	1930 Spent	1931 Requested	1931 Rec- ommended
1. Advisory Committee	\$60.00	\$59.03	\$60.00	\$60.00
2. Selectmen	600.00	589.25	650.00	650.00
3. Accountant	425.00	435.08	440.00	440.00
4. Treasurer	712.00	828.13	750.00	750.00
5. Collector	885.00	1,025.97	910.00	910.00
6. Assessors	1,422.50	1,420.74	1,297.00	1,300.00
7. Town Clerk	475.00	445.55	450.00	450.00
8. Law Department	100.00	9.33	100.00	
9. Election and Registration	650.00	724.00	450.00	450.00
	5,329.50	5,537.08	5,107.00	5,010.00
Protection of Property				
10. Police	2,155.00	2,170.36	2,192.00	2,192.00
11. Fire Dept., Maintenance	944.00	1,196.29	950.00	950.00
12. Fire Dept., New Equipment..	455.00	218.58	425.00	425.00
13. Fire Dept., Salaries	1,835.00	1,771.24	1,835.00	1,835.00
14. Install. Town Water, Central Fire Station			92.00	92.00
15. Hydrant Snow Removal			100.00	100.00
16. Forest Fires	550.00	868.73	550.00	550.00
	5,939.00	6,225.20	6,144.00	6,144.00

Tree Warden Department

17. Gypsy and B. T. Moth.....	1,800.00	1,783.82	1,600.00	1,600.00
18. Tree Warden	1,500.00	1,494.61	1,400.00	1,400.00
	3,300.00	3,278.43	3,000.00	3,000.00

Town House and Grounds

19. Town Hall Maintenance	1,300.00	1,271.43	1,215.00	1,215.00
20. Town Hall Salaries	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
21. Fayville Hall	450.00	369.27	400.00	400.00
22. Common and T. H. Grounds ..	300.00	318.10	300.00	300.00
	2,125.00	2,033.80	1,990.00	1,990.00

Health Department

23. Board of Health	550.00	274.20	550.00	550.00
24. Inspection of Animals	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	650.00	374.20	650.00	650.00

Highways

25. Highway Maintenance	12,000.00	16,718.93	8,000.00	8,000.00
26. Highway Fences and Cable..			1,000.00	1,000.00
27. Snow Removal	1,500.00	1,219.33	1,500.00	1,500.00
28. Street Lights	6,000.00	5,917.53	5,535.24	5,535.24
	19,500.00	23,855.79	16,035.24	16,035.24

Water Department

29. Maintenance			5,950.00	4,750.00
			5,950.00	4,750.00

Charities and Poor Benefit

30. Board of Public Welfare	2,000.00	3,033.84	3,000.00	3,000.00
31. Old Age assistance (Act in effect July, 1931) ..			500.00	500.00

	2,000.00	3,033.84	3,500.00	3,500.00
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Education

32. School Department	47,711.95	46,372.68	47,567.00	47,567.00
33. Libraries	2,000.00	1,999.06	2,100.00	2,100.00

	49,711.95	48,371.74	49,667.00	49,667.00
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Unclassified

34. Reserve Fund	2,500.00	2,220.16	2,500.00	2,500.00
35. Cemetery General Care	2,500.00	2,451.26	2,500.00	2,500.00
36. Town Reports, Postage & Del.	450.00	478.50	478.50	478.50
37. Sealer of Weights & Measures	200.00	210.22	200.00	200.00
38. Liability Insurance	450.00	450.37	600.00	600.00
39. Fire Insurance	1,500.00	1,488.30	1,500.00	1,500.00
40. Certify Notes		2.00	10.00	10.00
41. Interest on Temp. Loans	625.00	217.29	956.25	956.25
42. Interest on Debt	2,440.00	2,508.89	15,319.88	15,319.88
43. Debt Retirement	9,400.00	9,400.00	3,900.00	3,900.00

	20,065.00	19,426.99	27,964.63	27,964.63
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Total	\$108,620.45	\$112,137.07	\$120,007.87	\$118,710.87
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A summary of all the Articles in the Warrant is as follows:

Article	Submitted	Recommended
3	\$120,007.87	\$118,710.87
6	125.00	125.00
11	800.00	
12	200.00	100.00
14	1,700.00	1,700.00
15	3,500.00	
16	150.00	150.00
17	800.00	
18	523.08	523.08
21	10,000.00	
22	500.00	500.00
23	2,000.00	1,000.00
24	500.00	
25	9,000.00	
26	500.00	500.00
27	700.00	300.00
28	300.00	
29	4,100.00	
31	5,290.75	5,290.75
32	150.00	
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	\$160,846.70	\$128,899.70

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